THICKENING GLOOM.

DISMAL PROSPECT.

Dr. Talmage Offers Consoling Suggestions to Those Who Have Passed Life's Meridian-Jesus Brightens the Shadows of Evening. Washington, Oct. 7 .- In this sermon

Dr. Talmage discourses upon the invitation given to Christ to stay overnight

Two villagers, having concluded their errand in Jerusalem, have started out at the city gate and are on their way to Emmaus, the place of their residence. They go with a sad heart. Jesus, who had been their admiration and their joy, bad been basely massacred and entombed. As, with sad face and broken heart, they pass on their way a stranger accests them. They tell him their anxieties and bitterness of soul. He in turn talks to them, mightily expounding the Scriptures. of intelligent conversation. They forget the time and notice not the objects they pass and before they are aware hare come up in front of their house They pause before the entrance and attempt to persuade the stranger to tarry with them. They press upon him their hospitalities. Night is coming on. and he may meet a prowling wild beast or be obliged to be unsheltered from the dew. He cannot go much farther now. Why not stop there and continue their pleasant conversation? They take him by the arm, and they dst upon his coming in, addressing him in the words, "Abide with us. for it is toward evening." The lamps are lighted, the table is spread, pleasant socialities are enkindled. They re-joice in the presence of the stranger guest. He asks a blessing upon the bread they eat, and he hands a piece of it to each. Suddenly and with overwhelming power the thought flashes upon the astounded people-it is the Lord! And as they sit in breathless wonder, looking upon the resurrected body of Jesus, he vanished. The interview ended. He was gone.

On the Down Grade of Life. With many of us it is a bright sunshiny day of prosperity. There is not a cloud in the sky, not a leaf rustling in the forest, no chill in the air. But we cannot expect all this to last. He is not an intelligent man who expects perpetual daylight of joy. The sun will after awhile near the horizon; the shadows will lengthen. While I speak many of us stand in the very hour described in the text, "For it is toward nity, for with them it is toward the evening of old age. They have passed the meridian of life. They are sometimes startled to think how old they are. They do not, however, like others to remark upon it. If others suggest their approximation toward venerable appearance, they say, "Why, I am not tice that they cannot lift quite as much as once; they cannot walk quite so fast; they cannot read quite so well without spectacles; they cannot so easly recover from a cough or any occasional aliment; they have lost their taste for merriment; they are surprised at the quick passage of the year; they ago that they were boys; they are gotions, something above, something bethem that it is toward evening.

The great want of all such is to have Jesus abide with them. It is a dismal thing to be getting old without the rejuvenating influence of religion. When we stop on the down grade of life and see that it dips to the verge of the cold river, we want to behold some one near who will help us across it. When the sight loses its power to glance and When we feel the fallure of voice which in olden times broke up the silence of the deaf with cadences When the axmen of death hew down whole forests of strength and beauty around us and we are left in solitude, we need the dove of divine the shadows begin to fall and we feel that the day is far spent, we need most of all to supplicate the beneficent Jesus in the prayer of the villagers, 'Abide with us, for it is toward even-

priate exciamation for all those who are approaching the gloomy hour of temptation. There is nothing easier than to be good natured when everything pleases, or to be humble when there is nothing to puff us up, or forgiving when we have not been assailhonest when we have no inducethat the d-vil was after you; you saw feared that you would fall in the awful wrestle with sin and be thrown into the dust. The gloom thickened. The first indications of the night were seen. In all the trembling of your soul, in all sharpen the battleax with which you tion. Who helped Paul shake the bra- will stop. You may hang the couch for North America and there establishzen gated heart of Felix? Who acted with gorgeous tapestry, but what does ed a colony. Their descendants are like a good sailor when all the crew wreck? Who helped the martyrs to be art, but what does death care for pic- sus reveals that the population of the firm when one word of recantation tures? You may fill the house with the United States is close upon 75,000,000would have unfastened the withes of wailings of widowhood and orphanage. 1,000,000 to every pilgrim father! The truck on which sample stoves are When the night of the soul came on

able, but with every temptation will thing better than a strong arm, a good bring a way of escape that we may be aim and a trusty sword when you

Don't Borrow Trouble. for all who are anticipating sorrow. that place. The greatest folly that ever grew on this planet is the tendency to borrow

more attention not because it is any suroud. It may be autumn

perpetual blessing in the household, seconds, three seconds, two seconds, strange as this case of M. Fevrot. It is toward evening.

You had a considerable estate and felt independent. In five minutes on ing is the happiest part of the 24 hours. friends. one fair balance sheet you could see You gather about the stand. You talk house. The misfortunes of life have accumulated. You wonder what makes accumulated. You wonder what makes the sky so dark. It is toward evening. gathering night. Jesus' Comforting Grace.

Trouble is an apothecary that mixes a great many drafts, bitter and sour Your good deeds will not longer be misand nauseous, and you must drink some one of them. Trouble puts up a great many packs, and you must carry some one of them. There is no sandal ties of heaven. Toward evening! The so thick and well adjusted but some thorn will strike through it; there is no sound so sweet but the undertaker's | pouring your grief in the tomb like Rascrewdriver grates through it. In this swift shuttle of the heart some of the threads must break. The journey from evening." The request of the text is Jerusalem to Emmaus will soon be wiped away. Sorrows terminated. No our observation, reiterate in tones that ward evening. Death will come, sweet we cannot mistake and cught not to as slumber to the eyelids of the babe, disregard-it is toward evening. Oh, then, for Jesus to abide with us!

tempest: he soothes the soul that flies to him for shelter. Let the night swoop and the Euroelydon toss the sea; let Christ in the ship to soothe his friends; Christ on the sea to stop its tumult; Christ in the grave to scatter the darkhess; Christ in the heavens to lead the way. Blessed all such. His arms will inclose them, his sacrifice free them, say that it only seems but a little while tate take wings, he will be an incorruptible treasure; if friends die, he will be thing in their health, something in their walk, something in their walk, something in their walk, something in their changing associations, something above, something bears of their resurrection. Standing with us in the morning of our joy and in the noonday of our prosperity, he will not forsake us when the luster has faded and it is toward evening. their resurrection. Standing with us

misfortune, hark to mounting Latimer's fire song; look at the giory that hath reft the dungeon and filled the earth and beavens with the crash of then look at these who have tried to cure themselves by human prescriptions, attempting to heal gangrene with patch of court plaster and to stop the plague of dying empires with the quackery of earthly wisdom. Nothing can speak peace to the soul, nothing can unstrap our crushing burdens nothing can overcome our spiritual foes, nothing can open our eyes to see the surrounding horses and charlots of salvation that fill all the mountains but the voice and command of him who stopped one night at Emmaus. Nearing the Evening.

The words of the text are pertinent to us all from the fact that we are nearing the evening of death. I have heard it said that we ought to live as though each moment were to be our last. I do not believe that theory. As far as preparation is concerned, we ought always to be ready, but we cannot always be thinking of death, for we have duties in life that demand our When a man is selling goods, it is his business to think of the bargain he is making; when a man is pleading in the courts, it is his duty to think of the interests of his clients; when a clerk is adding up accounts, it is his duty to keep his mind upon the column of figures. He who fills up his life with thoughts of death is far from being the highest style of Christian. I knew a man who used often to say at night, "I wish I might die before morning!" He is now an infidel. But there are times when we can and ought to give ourselves to the contemplation of that solemn moment when to the soul the infernal suggestions of satan, in must go through that one pass. There is no roundabout way, no bypath, no awful emphasis that it was toward will be to us a shameful occurrence or evening. In the tempted hour you a time of admirable behavior. Our need to ask Jesus to abide with you. It time of admittable their hands to keep us back, but no imploration on Church Economist. would devour; you can unhorse the their part can hinder us. They might offer large retainers, but death would not take the fee. The breath will fail, split the head of helmeted abomina- and the eyes will close, and the heart

This ought not to be a depressing 000,000. Across the Atlantic there are bought the stove and ordered it shipand all the denizens of darkness came theme. Who wants to live here forey- 75,000,000 of English speaking men, ped to his home. On Monday the stove riding upon the winds of perdition, er? The world has always treated me women and children living under mod-dealer received a letter from the cuswho gave strength to the soul? Who well, and every day I feel less and less ern conditions who are prospering tomer in which the latter said: "The gave calmness to the heart? Who like scolding and complaining. But yet mightily, who manage their own busibroke the spell of infernal enchant- I would not want to make this my ness, every one of whom is an un- one I received is not. I will ship it ment? He who heard the request of eternal residence. I love to watch the crowned king or queen, who does not bethe villagers, "Abide with us, for it is clouds and to bathe my soul in the blue lieve in the divine right of sovereigns. of and wanted a stove like that invent toward evening." One of the forts of sea of heaven, but I expect when the in the doctrine that a monarch can do ed by the man who had to "get up and France was attacked, and the out- firmament is rolled away as a scroll to no wrong, in the principle of heredita- make the fire," one that, with a rope, works were taken before night. The see a new heaven, grander, higher and ry superiority. They enjoy free instibesieging army lay down, thinking more glorious. You ought to be willing tutions based on the principles of mod- lighted.—Somerset (P1.) Standard. that there was but little to do in the to exchange your body that has head- era civilization. Meanwhile the Conmorning and that the soldiery in the aches and sideaches and weaknesses servatives in England tell us that fort could be easily made to surrender. innumerable, that limps with the stone progress is dangerous, that we should But during the night, through a back bruise or festers with the thorn or hug our mediaval traditions and that English officer visiting in Chicago, says stairs, they escaped into the country. flames on the funeral pyre of fevers, there is something worse than war- of the British commander in the Trans In the morning the besieging army for an incorruptible body and an eye reform.-London Truth. sprang upon the battlements, but found that blinks not before the jasper gates that their prey was gone. So when and the great white throne. But bewe are assaulted by temptation there tween that and this there is an hour is always some secret stair by which about which no man should be reckless we might get off. God will not allow or foolbardy. I doubt not your courage, us to be tempted above what we are but I tell you that you will want some-

Shortening Days. Circumstances do not make so much trouble, but there are times when ap- difference. It may be bright day when proaching sorrow is so evident that we you push off from the planet, or it may need to be making especial prepara- be dark night and while the owl is tions for its coming. One of your chil- hooting from the forest. It may be with the death of every very rich man.

more of a treasure than the others, but forests set on fire by the retreating because it is becoming frail. There is year-dead nature laid out in state. It mething in the cheek, in the eye and may be with your wife's hand in your A Paris Millionaire Rebbed For n the walk that makes you quite sure hand, or you may be in a strange hotel, that the leaves of the flower are going with a servant faithful to the last. It ion lighter, the step weaker, the laugh crash! I know not the time, I know fainter. No more romping for that one not the mode, but the days of our life little professional work. through hall and parlor. The nursery are being subtracted away, and we The gates are ready to pulses at rest! The feet through with

The Happiest Hour.

You are almost through with the abuse and backbiting of enemies. They interpreted or your bonor filched. The lifted. You will not much longer stand chel weeping for her children or David mourning for Absalom. Broken hearts bound up. Wounds healed. Tears as full rations to a starving soldier, as evening hour to the exhausted work-He sweetens the cup; he extracts the man. The sky will take on its sunset thorn; he wipes the tear; he hushes the glow, every cloud a fire psalm, every lake a glassy mirror, the forests transfigured, delicate mists climbing the air. Your friends will announce it, your the thunders roll-scon all will be well. pulses will beat it, your joys will ring it, your lips will whisper it, "Toward evening.

[Copyright, 1900, by Louis Klopsch.] A NEW CENTURY REVIVAL

Plans In England and This Country

For a Concerted Movement. All of the Free churches of England are joined in an effort to open the new Endeavor and other lay help is brought into use. The meetings will begin on Saturday night, January being the month selected, cover the two followthe falling manacles of despotism and ing Sundays and terminate on Monday evening. The London meetings are to be held in advance of those in the provinces; this for local effect. There are to be six London centers-principal centers-each of which will have many subordinate centers.

In other cities of England the number of principal centers, each with subordinate ones, will number from one to six, according to size, and work is already begun to see that no city, however small, is omitted from the plan. The date will be about a fortnight after the close of the London meetings. Evangelists from one to ten in number will be sent to each city, according to size, and pastors will help out.

There will be special services for milkmen, for car drivers, for fallen women, newspaper boys, etc. Some of these will be held at early hours in the morning, one of them at 3 a. m. They will be held at any hour those for whom they are held can best attend. The aim is, first, to reach people of all grades and to provide meetings anywhere and at any time; second, to converge these meetings upon central mass meetings.

There is also a movement on foot this country to make this a year of prayer and preparation for the incoming new century. A call to this end is addressed to the people of the United States and is signed by many representative men, including such names as those of the Rev. Drs. J. H. Barrows, Josiah Strong, Washington Gladden, Theodore L. Cuyler, C. I. Scofield and Bishops Gilbert of Minnesota, Leonard of Ohio, Doane of Albany, Andrews of New York, etc. The appeal is to Christians to make the year one of prayer, work and preparation and education by Bible study and study of missionary and other progressive Christian work in order that a great revival of religion may be prepared for in the opening year of, the new century .-

Seventy-four and Seventy-five Mil-

death care for bed curtains? You may now taking a census of the country in the Mediterranean ship- hang the room with the finest works of which they then founded. This cenpopulation of the British isles is 40,- moved about the store. The man

Mark Twein's Latest Mark Twain, who will soon return to his home in Hartford, thus answers a friend who asked him if he did not enjoy traveling: "No, I don't. I do it for the sake of my family. If I had my way, I'd settle in one spot and never come to your last battle. You will move. In fact, I can't understand how need a better robe than any you have any writer can be persuaded to move The prayer of the text is appropriate in your wardrobe to keep you warm in of his own accord. Old Bunyan was in luck when they threw him into prison. If I had been in his place, they'd never

have got me out." One Measure of Success. The question of success comes up dren has lately become a favorite. The cry of that child strikes deeper into the heart than the cry of all the others.

You think more about it; you give it may be winter and the earth in a snow President Patton of Princeton has said that no man who is raising a family properly can be accounted a failure.—

New York World.

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Ella Wheeler Wilcox says that "whatever is, is best." How about liver sausage? Isn't it wurst?—Denver Evening Post.

STOLE FOR AMUSEMENT.

Eleven Years Just For Fun. Chicago detectives may as well begin to be scattered. The utmost nursing may be in the rail train, shot off the to study the face and deeds of August and medical attendance are ineffectual. switch and tumbling in long reverbera- Fevrot, Paris man of fashion and ex- the seizers, first of Tien-tsin and then The pulse becomes feeble, the complex- tion down the embankment-crash, pert burglar, who has declared his in- of Peking. Strictly speaking, it is for-

is darkened by an approaching calam- shall come down to the time when we same M. Fevrot is the prize catch of But it is sanctioned or, perhaps, it ity. The heart feels with mournful an- have but ten days left, then nine days, years, and they are correspondingly pation that the sun is going down. then eight days, then seven days, six happy. Whatever his claim of medals instances where the foe is either ori-Night speeds on. It is toward evening. days, five days, four days, three days, and other indications of excellence in ental or African, and where it is con-You have long rejoiced in the care of two days, one day. Then hours-three his chosen line, this French prisoner sidered to add, by destruction of the a mother; you have done everything to hours, two hours, one hour. Then only certainly is one of the most remarka- enemy's property, to the weight of the make her last days happy; you have minutes left-five minutes, four min- ble criminals in the annals of law- punishment inflicted through mere derun with quick feet to wait upon her utes, three minutes, two minutes, one breakers. The hypothetical case of every want. Her presence has been a minute. Then only seconds left-four Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is not so lish as well as German military regu-But the fruit gatherers are looking one second. Gone! The chapter of Fevrot, who was arrested by the by right to the crown and cannot unwistfully at that tree. Her soul is ripe life ended! The book closed! The Paris police a few days ago along with der ordinary circumstances be appro-

some of his "pals" and only after a priated or disturbed without the co flash open for her entrance. But your the journey! The hands closed from fight in which one of the detectives sent of the sovereign. soul sinks at the thought of separation. all work! No word on the lips! No was killed, is now 30 years old, but he You cannot bear to 'hink that soon you breath in the nostrils! Hair combed has been leading his dual life of bur- with restrictions as long as the looting Phenomenal Speed, will be called to take the last look at that face, which from the first hour that face is a face of the face of has looked upon you with affection un- still. The lungs still. The tongue still. fore he was 20, and he has been at it from the Sudan that did not bring back But you see that life is All still. You might put the stathoscope ever since, many times experiencing with him to his relatives and friends ebbing, and the grave will soon hide to breast and hear no sound. You might hairbreadth escapes, many times see- some spoils of war in the shape of der her from your sight. You sit quiet: put a speaking trumpet to the ear, but ing his partners in crime taken, but vish arms and accounterments. But had you feel heavy hearted. The light is you could not wake the deafness. No never has there been a suspicion that the British military authorities been fading from the sky; the air is chill. motion. No throb. No life. Still! Still! the dashing, wealthy, educated and able to discover the identity of the solcharming young M. Fevrot was not diers who looted the royal treasury at On earth with many of you the even- what he appeared to his fashionable Mandalay and who made away with

But there came complications. Some day. You plan for the morrow. You short time, as he says—he has taken a long term of imprisonment. thing that you imagined impossible have games and repartees. Amid all his imprisonment philosophically and feel anxious about where you are the disciple. What if the sun of life is most young Frenchmen of his class not any percentage thereof were disthe anguish of telling your friends that the world and of heaven. What though gang of young burglars and was pernot how you will ever bring your chil- sus has prepared a house of many The raid was a failure, but it was ex- which, after the consent of the soverhow you will stand the selling of your ways holds. Jesus is the fountain that man was a burglar and an expert. He been distributed either in full or in successful job.

> direction the regimental treasury was looted. And he still maintained his leadership over his men. At one time, after he left the army, he had as many as 60 burglars working under his orders, a number which was too large petty jealousies of the men. A gang young, attracting interest to the of 10 or 12 be considered about the proper size for the most efficient work. This strange prisoner explains his hold on the criminals who have worked with and under him so many years, never once letting out a whispered hint that the society youth was their eader, by his generosity. Being rich, he had no inducement to haggle with of his gains he gave away to the widsupport of women whose husbands were doing time.-Chicago Tibune.

President Kruger's Earrings. Mr. Kruger sat at the farther end of the table in a large upholstered chair. silk hat lay on the table, and his head gold earring hung from each care his eyes, which were red and inflamed. were closed when I entered, but opened for a couple of seconds and then closed again. Throughout the interview, which lasted nearly half an hour. his eyes were kept closed, as if the light hurt them, and even when he was talking they would never remain open for more than a few seconds at a time. His big figure and massive shoulders, stooped and round; his head bent forward on his breast, his huge, heavy features, so unlike those of any other man in the world; his somber black made a picture which one would never forget. - Waterval Letter in Chicago

Ancient Roman Weights. During the excavations in the Roman Forum three weights of respectively 20, 30 and 100 Roman pounds have recently been found which are certainly from a period not later than 200 B. C. They are of green marble, contain handles of bronze and have their respective weights clearly engraved upon them. According to the director of the excavations, Giacomo Boni, these are the most ancient specimens of standard Roman weights which we possess and, as they are well preserved, will prove of great service to archæologists in reconstructing the system of metrology of primitive Rome. The ancient Latin pound has already been determined from them to have been 325 grams.

A Famous Composer. M. de Bussy, the French composer whose musical interpretation of Rossetti's "Blessed Damosel" was the recent musical event in Paris, is very striking in appearance, having a vast forehead, suggestive in its intellectual formation both of Victor Hugo and Beethoven. He is a performer both on the piano and the violin and when unusually young won the Grand Prix de Rome for composition in spite of the hostile predictions of all his professors. His new work was a little too preraphaelite in sentiment to seize the public, but the critics were much impressed. M. de Bussy is not a Wagnerite. His ambition is to strike 2

The Kind of Stove He Wanted. A gentleman from one of the town ships north of Somerset came to town one day last week to buy a stove. At stove you sold me was on wheels. The could be drawn up to the bed and be

A Picture of Buller. vaal: "General Buller is a man of the stamp of your Grant-first of all, an aggressive fighter. He is disliked heartly at home. Officers under him have never liked him. I don't myself. He is to have free hand in Africa, however. He is not so much a strategist as a hammer and anvil. He cares nothing for men's lives, so he gains his point, God pity the Boers if, defeated in battle, their lines become broken. Personally I would like to have seen a more magnanimous commander in South Africa, but his worst enemy cannot deny that Buller is a tremendous

Isn't So Bad as This Jest.

THE LAW OF LOOT. Forbidden In General, but Allowed

On the subject of looting much has been heard lately in connection with fare and is punished severely in cases The police of Paris claim that this of conflicts between Christian nations. lations provide that all loot belongs

As a rule the soldiers are not worried the ruby covered crown of King The-Since the game is up with M. Fevrot baw they would have been sentenced just how you stood with the world. and laugh and sing. You recount the for the time being-and it is to be a by court martial either to be shot or to

proved traitor to your interests. A which you run, and as you take out cording to his story, he began the life the battle of Omdurman every bit of it sudden crash of national misfortune your watch or look at the descending of a criminal purely through love of would have belonged to the crown, and prostrated your credit. You may to- sun you thrill with the thought that it excitement and adventure. He is a it would have entirely depended upon day be going on in business, but you is toward evening. So death comes to son of a millionaire, was reared like the good will of the latter whether or standing and fear that the next turn of the commercial wheel will being real about to set? Jesus is the dayspring and gave no promise that he would tributed among the officers who had 16 N. PRYOR STREET the commercial wheel will bring you from on high, the perpetual morning of ever do anything remarkable. But he taken part in the capture. If the milprostrate. You foresee what you con- every ransomed spirit. What if the loved excitement, and he found it when litary regulations had been enforced at sider certain defalcation; you think of the anguish of telling your friends that the loved excitement, and ne found it when by mistake he was taken in with a love taken by British soldiers should FREDERICKSBURG you are not worth a dollar; you know this earthly house does crumble? Je mitted to accompany them on a raid. have been turned into a species of pool. dren home from school; you wonder mansions. Jesus is the anchor that allibrary or the moving into a plainer is never exhausted. Jesus is the even- showed his young companions why part, according to a scale approved by they failed, and later on he led them | the military authorities, which is based the infantry private with a shilling a The young man's three years' service day being taken as the limit. But it is in the army prevented him from taking expressly understood that the distribuas active an interest in burglary as he tion is not a matter of right, but altohad before, but he managed to keep in gether a matter of the will and pleasure touch with his old friends in the pro- of the sovereign, who usually receives fession and did much of the planning as her share any article of particular for them. Several times under his artistic or intrinsic value.-Ex-Attache in New York Tribune

An Ingenious Western Minister. "The ingeniousness of Rev. Harry A. Handle, rector of St. James missibecause of its unwieldiness and the tertaining features for the old and Minister Among the Cowboys" in complished artist and takes photo graphs for everybody. An immense seesaw, swings and other entertaining features have been erected by him in the rectory yard, where everybody in the town enjoys them. The preacher his companions over the plunder. Much spent part of his earnings for a phono graph with a set of 50 rolls, which was of dead burgiars or applied to the drew big crowds to the rectory, some coming 100 miles to see the wonderful talking machine

"Nearly every day, when the stage comes in, Mr. Handle changes his working clothes and goes to the hotel to acquaint himself with the strangers probably one from his private car. His arriving and invites them to the rectory, all of which is unusual and un combed straight back from his fore- is one of the ways by which so many head until it reached his neck. A little people in his parish, which is of great er area than the states of Delaware and Rhode Island combined, have become acquainted with the popular lit. tle minister of Rio Blanco,' as he is Paper Driving Out Parchment.

"May be written on paper" of parchment, as hitherto! It seemed a revolution, yet such was the decision of Mr. Justice Barnes in the probate court. Copies of wills and "probate pieces" to be proved were

the items in question. After this the deluge. Changing the immemorial parchment clothes, his big hands and stolid feet tradition looked worse than trifling with the equator. It was, if military parlance be allowable, like cutting our communications with the austere and parlance be allowable, like cutting our

reverend past. Now that we have grown reckless and newfangled in our notions how shall we end?

In sundry ways the parchment sphere of influence has been checked of late. Solicitors have developed a mild passion for paper and given it their prefsion for paper and given it their prer-erence over parchment wherever possible The cynical view was expresse that, while all this meant a gain to the solicitor, it would be no saving whatever to the client. The parchment makers and dealers

take the outlook with as much philosophy as can be expected .- London Star. The Shah and the Unitaren.

The youth of Brussels, it appears, were not slow to exploit the shah's weakness for children, which was incautiously referred to in the press. Our correspondent mentions that an enterprising lad wrote to his majesty that a bicycle would make him completely happy, but the fact must not be divulged to his parents, while another child asked for a doll in similar terms. In both instances the gifts were forthcoming, with the result that on the last day of his majesty's visit the Persian legation was besieged by youthful applicants, many of whom were made happy by practical proofs of the shah's generosity. - London Chronicle.

Setting an Example. One Paris "grand dame" is bound that France shall not be depopulated. The Vicomtesse de Rochemaille is 22 years and is the mother of 11 boys, of age. She presented her husband with four pairs of twins in succession and Virginia. has just topped off with triplets. The children are all sound and healthy.

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1 39 p. m. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
7 53 p. m. daily, no local stops.
9 30 p. m. daily, stops at Brooke and
Wide Water.

6 37 p. m. daily, makes local stops. 8 40 p. m. daily, Seaboard Air Line trains, via Doswell and C. & O. to Richmond. Stops at Doswell.

5 55 a. m. for Richmond. 10 21 a. m. for Quantico. 12 49 p. m. for Ashland.

4 00 p. m. from Richmond for Freder icksburg. C. C. Cox, Agent. W. P. TAYLOR, Traffic Manager. E. T. D. MYERS, President.

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On and after Friday, September 7th, steamers Richmond, Lancaster and Essex will leave Pier 2, Light Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday and Friday at 4:30 p. m. for Fredericksburg and all wharves on the river. Returning, will saving from \$25 to \$100 on a single instrument. This should be sufficient to justify your corresponding with our agent, Mr. Zach Street, Laneview, Essex County, Va.

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Leave Baltimore. Wednesday, and Thursday, at 4:30 p. m., for Tappahannock and all wharves below, except Bay Port. Returning will leave Tappahannock and all wharves below, except Bay

Port. Returning will leave Tapp nock at 8:00 a. m. on Monday and Thursday for Baltimore.

No Freight received for out-going steamers after 4 p. m. on sailing days.

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Potomac River Route.

Beginning Tuesday, June 5, steamers Northumberland and Potomac will leave Pier 9, Light Street, Baltimore, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 p. m., for Alexandria and Washington, calling at all of the usual landings. Be ginning Thursday, June 7, will leave 7th Street Wharf, Washington, at 4 p. m. Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday, going as far as Leonardtown on these evenings. Will leave Leonardtown, at 6 a. ings. Will leave Leonardtown, at 6 a. m., Kinsale at 12 p. m., Millers at 4 p. m., Grasons at 5 p. m. and Bacons at 6 p. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arriving in Baltimore early the following morning. Freight received daily in Baltimore.

HENRY WILLIAMS, Agent,
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STEPHENSON & BRO., Agents, Washington, D. C. Wm. M. REARDON, Agent, Alexandria, Va.

tic Railway Company. Summer schedule, in effect June 25, 1900

STEAMER IDA Piankatank River Line.

Read carefully important changes have Commencing Jane 25, 1900, the steamer Ida will leave landings named below on Monday and Thursday of each week, arriving at Baltimore on Tuesday and Friday, as follows:

Ruarks..... 8 00 Palmers...... 12 00 Noon

Hardings..... 8 00 Reedville.... 5 30

each week. Schedule of extra steamer in effect september 16th, 1900. Leave Baltimore every Wednesday and Sunday 5 p. m., arriving at landings as

Returning, leave Freeport 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Friday, stopping at landings as follows: Blands....... 10 10 a. m Stampers10 30

Reedville Arrive in Baltimore early next morn

Steamer Ida will continue on regular Freight rates named to all points on application to the Agent. Other inforation upon application. W. H. BROWN, Agent. T. A. JOYNES, Supt. Steamer Lines. WILLARD THOMPSON, General M'gr.

The Washington Steamboat Company Limited. POTOMAC RIVER LANDINGS.

Winter Schedule, in effect Sept. 15, 1900, STEAMER WAKEFIELD

7 53 p. m. daily, no local stops.
9 30 p. m. daily, stops at Brooke and Wide Water.

SOUTHWIRD:
6 28 a. m. daily, Atlantic Coast Line train. Stops at Minford, Doswell and Ashland, week days All local stops on Sundays.
12 32 p. m. daily, Seaboard Air Line trains, via Doswell and C. & O. to Richmond. Stops at Doswell.
1 24 p. m. daily, except Sunday. Stops at Milford, Doswell and Ashland.
4 6 p. m. Daily, Atlantic Coast Line train, stops at Doswell and Ashland.
5 37 p. m. daily, makes local stops.

G. P. JOHANSEN, Agt. 7th St. Wharf. J. B. PADGETT, Agt., Alexandria, Va.

Steamer Owen Dillard. Mail and passengers to and from White stone, Irvington, Weems, Millenbeck, Merry Point and Urbana, daily (except

Leave—White Stone, 7 a. m.; Irvington 7.45; Weems, 8.15; Millenbeck, 9; Merry Point, 9.30; arrive Urbana, 11.30 a. m. Leave—Urbana, 2 p. m.; Millenbeck, 3; Merry Point, 8.30; Weems, 4.30; Irvington 5; arrive White Stone, 9 p. m.

Beales, "Thompsons, Deep Point, Mount Holly, Nomini.

Returning leaves Nomini Thursdays 3 p. m.
for Mount Holly, Deep Point, "Thompsons,
Beales, Howards, Cobrums, Stones, Coltons,
Bushwood, Rock Point (Lancasters), Colonial
Beach, Wilkersons, Dilis (Lower Cedar Pt.),
Mathias Point, Swans (Riverside), Stuarts,
Somerset Beach, "Stiffs, Clifton Beach (Smiths
Point), Liverpool Point, Alexandria.
Arriving at Washington Friday morning.
Saturdays for Fort Foote, Fort Washington,
Marshall Hall, Glymont, "Indian Head, Liverpool Point, Clifton Beach (Smiths Pt.), "Stiffs,
Somerset Beach, Stuarts, Swan's (Riverside),
Mathias Point, Dill's (Lower Cedar Pt.), Wilkersons, Colonial Beach, Bushwood, Rock
Point (Lancasters), Coltons, Beales, "Thompsons, Deep Point, Mcunt Holly, Nomini.
Returning leaves Coltons at 6 a. m. Sundays,
for river landings, and arrives at Washington
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Landings marked thus [*] are boat, tide, or
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